

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Preventing
environmental
damage from
hazardous waste,
and restoring
contaminated
sites for all
Californians.

## **Targeted Site Investigation Program – 2006-2007 Recipients**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is providing technical services to perform environmental investigative work at six Brownfield sites throughout California. Brownfields sites are those where redevelopment is hampered by real or perceived environmental contamination. The services for the selected Brownfields sites are provided under the Targeted Site Investigation (TSI) program. The TSI program is one of several initiatives funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). The TSI program is open to government agencies and non-profit organizations with specific Brownfields projects that involve the development of properties that may have environmental impacts. The purpose of the TSI program is to assist eligible participants to fill data gaps for sites planned for redevelopment and to reduce the uncertainty associated with perceived contamination at no cost to the selected applicant.

For the 2006-2007 TSI cycle, the application deadline was in August, 2006. Upon the close of the application period, DTSC and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB) selected six sites for the TSI program. The selected recipients were notified by October 2006, and work for all sites is currently underway.

## The Selected Projects for 2006-2007 include:

Tulare Redevelopment Agency, City of Tulare - Pallet storage, repair and recycling was conducted at this property as a legitimate business. However, the owner also illegally stored drums of hazardous waste. This situation was discovered in 1985 when the Fire Department was called to respond to a fire. Since then the majority of the drums have been removed, but environmental sampling indicates that residual contamination still exists. The Redevelopment Agency's goal is to rejuvenate this blighted property for eventual industrial development. This site was also awarded services under the U.S. EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) Grant. In order to maximize the benefit of both the TSI program and TBA Grant, DTSC and U.S. EPA are working closely to address site needs. For more information on this site, please contact Dean Wright at (916) 255-6528.

Alliance for West Oakland Development, City of Oakland – The Alliance for West Oakland Development (Alliance) is a non-profit community redevelopment corporation whose mission is to initiate, promote, and facilitate the development of blighted areas in













West Oakland. The site is currently an active West Oakland Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station with an associated parking lot. It was formerly a door and window production facility. The Alliance is proposing to develop the parking lots around the active station into a transit village, similar to the Fruit-vale BART Station. It is anticipated that the transit village will serve as a mixed use residential, local retail and cultural hub. The goal of the TSI will be to identify if there are any chemicals of concern at the site that need to be addressed prior to redevelopment. For more information on this site, please contact Dean Wright at (916) 255-6528.

National City Community Development Commission, National City – This undeveloped land, which is a portion of the National City Public Works Yard, is located in an area of National City known as the Westside Neighborhood. This area was used for cleaning and maintaining equipment. The approximately 2 acre parcel is proposed for low income residential development and will be an element of a larger plan for the overall revitalization of the Westside Neighborhood. The goal of the TSI will be to identify if there are any chemicals of concern at the site that will need to be addressed prior to redevelopment. For more information on this site, please contact Maryam Tasnif-Abbasi at (714) 484 5489.

City of Mount Shasta - This property was operated by several lumber companies from the mid 1950's until the 1980's. The property was transferred to the City of Mt. Shasta in the late 1980's. The City's objective is to develop the site into the Roseburg Commerce Park which will include a Volcanic Site Discovery Park, a hotel, commercial buildings and residential units. The goal of the TSI will be to fill data gaps from the previous investigations conducted, and focus the additional tasks that will be needed prior to redevelopment. For more information on this site, please contact Duane White at (916) 255-3585.

Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles – This site was part of a larger industrial parcel. The last tenant manufactured furniture. Some previous investigations have indicated that environmental contamination exists at the property. Although the area is currently zoned as industrial, the Redevelopment Agency is exploring the feasibility of re-using the property for multifamily first-time home buyer housing units. The goal of the TSI will be to address data gaps from previous investigations, and provide additional information for the decision making process. For more information on this site, please contact Chand Sultana at (818) 551-2962.

Chowchilla Union High School District, City of Chowchilla - This 24-acre site is currently an unsightly vacant property adjacent to the existing Chowchilla High School. The site was occupied by a cotton seed milling and cotton gin facility that operated from the 1920's until 1998. Environmental investigations indicate the need for further study. The District plans to acquire and transform the property into a new sports complex for the existing High School. The TSI services will evaluate if the property is environmentally safe for school construction and operation, and if necessary, what actions should be conducted prior to site acquisition and school construction. For more information on this site, please contact Michael Hall at (916) 255-6422.

## **For More Information**

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